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In my opinion the settlement is incomplete; it does not prevent Microsoft from continuing its practice of copying popular ideas with the purpose of incorporating them as enhancements into their operating systems (all of them). I would like to add to settlement two more ways to prevent Microsoft's monopolistic practices. The first is to prohibit the company from developing development tools such as Visual Studio by spinning off the *Software Development Tools* section; this will prevent Microsoft from decoding and rewrite somebody else code (a process called reverse engineering). The second is to prohibit the company from participating in any entity discussing industry standards; if Microsoft is a market leader and innovator then they have enough recognition to establish the so called "*de facto*" standards without major difficulties.

Best regards,

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